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**PATENT**  
U.S. Serial Application No. 10/552,588  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: Yasuhiko OTSUBO *et al.*  
Group Art Unit : 3748  
Application No. : 10/552,588  
Examiner : Diem T. TRAN  
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Docket No. : **960/193**  
For : **EXHAUST PURIFYING APPARATUS AND EXHAUST  
PURIFYING METHOD FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2006 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.